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⑯ Method for preparing small vesicles using microemulsification.

⑮ A method is provided for preparing small (less than 2000 Å) lipid vesicles in commercial quantities by micro-emulsifying lipid compositions using very high shear forces generated in a homogenizing apparatus operated at high pressures at a selected temperature. These vesicles are suitable for various biological applications including targeting of tumors in a body for diagnosis and treatment.

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